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The ornithologists appear to have devised a generally accepted and sufficiently precise set of common names for the birds of the United States. The same could perhaps be done for the ferns, for the number of species concerned is not hopelessly large; and it would be a suitable task for the Fern Society. The first step would be to find out what common names are actually in use for ferns in different parts of the country; and the editors will be glad to receive any information along this line which members can give.

C. A. W.

American Fern Society

The Council has passed an order providing that members in the military service of the United States may retain their membership for the duration of the war or of their active service without payment of dues. So far, we have heard of one who has gone to the front—Mr. Walter Mattern, now serving with one of the engineer regiments. The Secretary will greatly appreciate it if those who are in a position to do so will inform him of any others of our members who are in the army or navy, that our honor roll may be made complete.

The early volumes of the *Fern Bulletin* are now rare and difficult to get. They contain, besides interesting matter relating to the early activities of the Society, more or less of the first work of such men as C. E. Waters and A. A. Eaton, descriptions of a few new species, and notes on and illustrations of the rarer and more interesting among the old ones. And they would be useful in filling out sets. One member has suggested that the Society undertake to reprint Vols. 1-6 of the *Bulletin*, page for page, adding that he would be quite willing to pay ten dollars for the set. At a rough guess,

it would need 50 or 60 subscribers at that rate, or a correspondingly larger number at a lower price, to enable the Society to meet the considerable expense of reprinting. The work might be done piecemeal, one or more volumes at a time, so that payments could be distributed over a more or less long period. Or, the cost could be reduced—perhaps cut in half—by reprinting only the scientific matter with the original paging indicated.

Now, we wonder how many, members or not, individuals or institutions, want such a reprint? Will those who do notify the editors and state the limit to which they are willing to go in the matter of price and what form of reprint they would prefer? The more subscribers, the less the cost to each.

New Members:

Butler, Mrs. Ellis Parker, 242 State St., Flushing, N. Y.

Comstock, John Belden, New Britain, Conn.

Eames, Mrs. Edward A., 155 Bryant St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Change of Address:

Bates, Miss Ethel, Box 39, South Berwick, Maine.

Vice President Noble, acting as president in the absence of Mr. Palmer, has appointed Mr. C. H. Bissell, of Southington, Conn., chairman of the committee to nominate officers for the year 1919. All concerned are reminded that nominations made by any three members in good standing and sent to Mr. Bissell before August 20, will be placed on the official ballot with the committee nominations.